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Benton, NH Annual Report

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Annual Report of Town Officers and Benton School District

Town of Benton, New Hampshire
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Year ending December 31, 2010

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Benton Town Officers

		Term	Expires
Board of Selectmen	Jeremy Elliott	3 yrs	2011
	Earl Tempelmeyer	3 yrs	2012
	John Hassell	3 yrs	2013
Assistant to the Selectmen	Richard Dickenson	1 yr	2011
Moderator	Gilbert Richardson	2 yrs	2012
Town Clerk	Michael Stiebitz	1 yr	2011
Treasurer	Richard Dickenson	1 yr	2011
Auditor	Robert Steel	1 yr	2011
Tax Collector	Michael Stiebitz	1 yr	2011
Supervisors of the Checklist	Deborah Boutin	3 yrs	2011
	Nellie Dickenson	3 yrs	2012
	Arthur Christopher	3 yrs	2013
Ballot Clerk	Stephanie Saffo	1 yr	2011
Ballot Inspector	Maxine Tyler	1 yr	2011
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	Joseph Boutin Jr.	1 yr	2011
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Laura Richardson	3 yrs	2011
	Joyce Hassell	3 yrs	2012
	Martin Noble	3 yrs	2013
Planning Board	Kenneth Kealey	5 yrs	2011
	Richard Saffo, Sr.	5 yrs	2012
	Martin Noble	5 yrs	2014
	Wayne Chevalier	5 yrs	2015
	Jeremy Elliott	Ex Officio Member	

Benton Town Officers (cont)

Sexton	Aaron Goodwin	1 yr	2011
(Assistant)	Jeremy Elliott	1 yr	2011

Police Officer/Director of Emergency Mgmt.	Vacant
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We ask that everyone please consider taking on the civic duty of filling the open positions. While we all have busy schedules and other obligations, the town is in desperate need of new individuals willing to step in and take on a roll. Many people, both past and present, have served the town for a substantial period of time, and we thank everyone for all they have done. There comes a time when we would all like to pass on the duties to the next in line. Without routine turnover in these positions the town risks burning out those who continually take on the duties. The question we all need to ask ourselves is “What happens when we can’t round up enough people to fill the required positions?”. Who will run our town then? Please take the time to consider any of the open positions.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Grafton S.S.

March 8, 2011

Town of Benton

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, the 8th, at seven o'clock in the evening to vote and act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Tax Collector, Ballot Clerk, Ballot Inspector, Sexton, an Assistant to the Sexton, an Assistant to the Selectman and a Surveyor of Wood and Lumber for a term of one year, a Supervisor of the Checklist, a Selectman and a Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three years, a member of the Planning Board for a term of 5 years and any other agents or officers necessary for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the officers and agents as printed. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,500 for General Municipal Operations.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of attic and basement insulation for the Community Building. Said funds to come from Unreserved Fund Balance. The project will be checked and any further decisions will be reconsidered before Town Meeting 2012.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$100 to the existing Benton Fire Trust Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to come from Unreserved Fund balance. Selectmen recommend. Majority vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$8000 for the purchase and installation of a new heating system for the Community Building. Said funds to come from Unreserved Fund Balance. The project will be checked and any further decisions will be reconsidered before Town Meeting 2012.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$1200 for the layout and completion of an additional section of burial plots in the Mountain View Cemetery. Section will be above the previous section and parking lot completed in 2001. Said funds to come from Unreserved Fund Balance. This amount cannot be exceeded in 2011. The project will be checked and any further decisions will be reconsidered before Town Meeting 2012.

A True Copy – Attest

Selectmen of Benton

Earl Tempelmeyer _____

Jeremy Elliot _____

John Hassell _____

Budget & Summary Analysis – Revenues

	Estimated 2010	Received 2010	Estimated 2011
Timber Taxes	\$4,000	\$1,454	\$4,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$3,000	\$2,679	\$3,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$45,000	\$43,750	\$45,000
Building Permits	\$300	\$605	\$300
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$700	\$1,179	\$700
Energy Grant	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Shared Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$14,000	\$15,225	\$14,000
Highway Block Grant	\$12,000	\$12,909	\$12,000
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$33,000	\$56,589	\$33,000
Interest on Investments	\$300	\$260	\$300
From Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	\$132,300	\$134,650	\$112,300

Budget & Summary Analysis – Expenditures

	2010	2010	2011
	Approp	Expended	Proposed
Selectmen & Expenses	\$6,500	\$4,709	\$6,500
Election	\$2,200	\$1,562	\$0
Financial Administration	\$7,000	\$3,274	\$7,000
Revaluation of Property	\$5,500	\$5,400	\$6,000
Legal Expense	\$2,000	\$39	\$2,000
Personnel Administration	\$1,200	\$979	\$1,200
Planning & Zoning	\$200	\$0	\$200
General Government Buildings	\$5,000	\$1,218	\$5,000
Cemeteries	\$1,200	\$1,015	\$1,500
Insurance	\$2,500	\$1,136	\$2,500
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$2,000	\$1,454	\$2,000
Police	\$5,600	\$0	\$5,600
Ambulance	\$3,500	\$2,956	\$3,500
Fire	\$10,000	\$3,935	\$10,000
Other (Incl. Communications)	\$2,300	\$1,125	\$2,300
Highways & Streets	\$55,000	\$66,161	\$67,500
Street Lighting	\$250	\$232	\$250
Other (Roadside Mowing)	\$2,200	\$1,209	\$2,750
Pest Control	\$1,500	\$338	\$1,500
Administration & Direct Assist.	\$2,400	\$1,641	\$2,700
Interest	\$500	\$0	\$500
Deposit to CRF for Roads*	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$118,550	\$98,383	\$130,500

*The CRF for Roads is not calculated into the Operating Budget per NH Dept of Revenue.

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures

	2010 Approp	2010 Expended	2010 Unexpended	2010 Overdraft
Selectmen & Expenses	\$6,500	\$4,710		\$0
Election	\$2,200	\$1,563	\$637	\$0
Financial Administration	\$7,000	\$3,274	\$3,726	\$0
Revaluation of Property	\$5,500	\$5,400	\$100	\$0
Legal Expense	\$2,000	\$39	\$1,961	\$0
Personnel Administration	\$1,200	\$979	\$221	\$0
Planning & Zoning	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
General Government Buildings	\$5,000	\$1,219	\$3,781	\$0
Cemeteries	\$1,200	\$1,108	\$92	\$0
Insurance	\$2,500	\$1,136	\$1,364	\$0
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$2,000	\$1,454	\$546	\$0
Police	\$5,600	\$0	\$5,600	\$0
Ambulance	\$3,500	\$2,956	\$544	\$0
Fire	\$10,000	\$3,935	\$6,065	\$0
Other (Incl. Communications)	\$2,300	\$1,125	\$1,175	\$0
Highways & Streets	\$55,000	\$66,161	\$0	\$11,161
Street Lighting	\$250	\$232	\$18	\$0
Other (Roadside Mowing)	\$2,200	\$1,210	\$990	\$0
Pest Control	\$1,500	\$339	\$1,161	\$0
Administration & Direct Assist.	\$2,400	\$1,642	\$758	\$0
Interest	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
TOTAL	\$118,550	\$98,481	\$31,229	\$11,161

Taxes bought by Town	\$8,197
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,100
Schools	\$284,907
<u>Town Hall Generator</u>	<u>\$2,707</u>
Total	\$404,392

Report of the Treasurer

Received from Tax Collector

Interest and costs Year 2006)	\$44.84
Property taxes (Year 2007)	\$2,500.23
Interest and costs	\$728.90
Total 2007	\$3,229.13
Property taxes (Year 2008)	\$5,628.54
Interest and costs	\$513.61
Total 2008	\$6,142.15
Property taxes (Year 2009)	\$34,241.56
Interest and costs	\$940.99
Total 2009	\$35,182.55
Property taxes (Year 2010)	\$302,965.60
Yield taxes	\$1,454.86
Total 2010	\$304,420.46
Pre paid taxes (Year 2011)	\$66.00
Total from Tax Collector	\$349,085.13

Received from the Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits/Transfers	\$47,364.00
Vital Statistics - St. of New Hampshire	\$8.00
Dog Licenses issued	\$366.00
Marriage Licenses	\$38.00
Misc	\$70.00
Total from Town Clerk	\$47,846.00

Received from the Selectmen:

Pistol Permits	\$80.00
Building Permits	\$605.00
Hall Rental	\$155.00
Misc.	\$4,390.68
Reimbursement of fire call chgs	\$500.00
Total from Selectmen	\$5,730.68

Report of the Treasurer (cont.)

Received from State & Federal Sources

St. of N. H. - Hwy. Block Grant	\$12,909.12
St. of N. H. - Rooms & Meals Grant	\$15,225.10
U.S. Dept. of Ag., Forest Service	\$56,589.00
Total Received from State & Federal Sources	\$84,723.22

Transfer of funds from Trustees of the Trust Fund	\$216.14
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Total receipts for 2010	\$487,601.17
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Cash on hand as of 1/1/10	\$248,233.75
Bank interest	\$243.72
Less Selectmen's orders for 2010	\$404,393.95
Year-end Total Cash	\$331,684.68

Acct. 30502 - Yield Account:

Cash on hand - 1/1/10	\$8,310.86
Interest	\$12.50
Year-end Yield Acct. Balance	\$8,323.36

Bank of America - acct. no 1

Cash on hand as of 1/1/10	\$20,012.26
Interest 1.98	
Year-end Yield Acct. Balance	\$20,014.24

Bank of America - acct. no 2

Cash on hand as of 1/1/10	\$91,659.33
Interest 512.96	
Year-end Yield Acct. Balance	\$92,172.29

Respectfully Submitted

Richard A. Dickenson – Treasurer

Payments by the Selectmen

Selectmen:

Salaries & Expenses:	\$4,709.85
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Financial Administration:

Salaries:	\$1,754.65
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General Office Expenses:	\$1,603.96
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N.H. Recorder of Deeds:	\$39.08
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Notices:	\$244.20
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Town Report:	\$546.25
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Total	\$2,433.49
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Election Coverage: (11 Poll attendants)	Total \$1,562.88
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Town Hall:

Fairpoint Communications:	\$390.93
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N.H. Elec. Co-op:	\$975.33
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Total	\$1,366.26
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Cemeteries:

Salaries & Expenses:	Total \$1,108.20
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Insurance:

Local Government Center	Total \$1,136.10
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Regional Associations:

N.H. Assoc. Of Tax Collectors	\$20.00
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N.H. Town Clerks Assoc.	\$20.00
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N.H. Assoc of Assessing Officers	\$20.00
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N.H. Municipal Assoc.	\$603.61
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Total	\$663.61
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Dispatch Service:	Total \$1,125.00
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Ambulance Service:	Total \$2,956.50
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Payments by the Selectmen (cont)

Fire Protection:

Twin State Mutual:	\$1,250.00
Haverhill Corner Fire Co:	\$1,185.00
North Haverhill Fire Co:	\$1,500.00
Total	\$3,935.00

Animal Control:

Animal Control Officer Expenses:	\$135.87
IDS:	\$55.33
St. of N.H. Animal Population Control:	\$147.50
Total	\$338.70

Roads:

Elliott Construction:	\$62,022.00
Materials and Supplies:	\$4,139.33
Total	\$66,161.33

Roadside Mowing:

Elliott Construction:	\$605.65
Owens Leasing Co.:	\$604.00
Total	\$1,209.65

Electric Generator Set-up (As voted for by Town)

The Home Depot:	\$2,382.71
Dead River Company:	\$285.00
Interstate Batteries:	\$40.00
Total	\$2,707.71

Welfare:

Grafton Co. Senior Citizen Council:	\$335.00
Dead River Co.:	\$159.95
New Hampshire Elec. Coop:	\$281.76
Northern Human Services:	\$565.00
Tri County Community Action:	\$300.00
Total	\$1,641.71

Social Sec. & Medicare:

Total	\$979.20
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Assessing:

Purvis & Associates:	Total	\$5,400.00
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Payments by the Selectmen (cont)

Transfer of Funds to C.R.F. for Fires	Total	\$100.00
Transfer of Funds to C.R.F. for Roads	Total	\$10,000.00
Schools:	Total	\$284,907.11
Taxes Bought by Town	Total	\$8,197.00
Checks Written	Total	\$404,393.95

Selectmen of Benton
Earl Templemeyer
Jeremy Elliott
John Hassell

Report of the Town Clerk to the Treasurer

Year End Totals for 2010

Date: 01/04/2011

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued (442):	\$47,932.00
Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (62/0):	\$397.00
Marriage Licenses Issued (1):	\$45.00
Vital Record Searches (1):	\$12.00
Fines/Penalties:	\$0.00
Reimbursed bounced check:	\$70.00
Total Collected by Town Clerk for 2010:	\$48,456.00
Motor Vehicles:	\$47,364.00
Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (62/0):	\$366.00
Marriage Licenses Issued (1):	\$38.00
Vital Record Searches (1):	\$8.00
Fines/Penalties:	\$0.00
Reimbursed bounced check:	\$70.00
Total Submitted to the Treasurer for 2010:	\$47,846.00
Motor Vehicles:	\$568.00
Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (62/0):	\$31.00
Marriage Licenses Issued (1):	\$7.00
Vital Record Searches (1):	\$4.00
Total Retained by Town Clerk for 2010:	\$610.00

Michael P. Stiebitz Town Clerk

Notes from the Town Clerk's Office

2010 once again saw an incredible amount of volunteer effort expended at the Town Building through the efforts of The Beautify Benton Committee as well as the Selectmen and other willing volunteers. Thanks to all who pitched in.

As approved by voters at the Town Meeting, an 8kW backup generator has been installed at the Town Building. This equipment will permit the Town Building to become a command center and offer refuge for townspeople if we ever have a disaster, be it natural or man-made.

We had a fairly respectable showing for the General Election held in November, considering that it was a non-presidential election. Of the 225 eligible voters, 125 voted, resulting in a 55.6% turnout. We will be purging the Checklist during 2011 which will probably reduce the total voters.

On a more somber note, Benton suffers from a problem which afflicts many towns our size: a lack of citizenry willing to take on elected positions. While we have been able to find folks to take the openings recently, the circle of "willing workers" is shrinking, mainly due to retirement, advancing years, and burnout.

We all have enjoyed the fruits of the frugal, well run, government here in Benton, as evidenced by the very low tax rate compared to most other towns in NH. Everyone has too many things to do and not enough time in a day. Yet the Town work still needs to be done. Please consider repaying the Town for the enjoyment you get from living here and take on one of the openings coming up at Town Meeting.

One last note on dogs: all owners of dogs over 4 months old must license them each year before April 30th. After May 30th, any license fee which remains unpaid can be increased by \$1.00 per month. Please make every effort this year to get your dogs licensed before April 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. Stiebitz Town Clerk

Tax Collectors End of Year Overview

2011	Credit	Debit
Prepay for 2010 Taxes	\$66.00	

2010	Credit	Debit
Taxes Committed This Year:		\$340,911.00
Yield Taxes		\$1,454.86
2010 Taxes prepaid in 2009	\$197.50	
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$302,965.60	
Yield Taxes	\$1,454.86	
Subtotal	\$304,617.96	
Taxes Uncollected at year's end	\$37,747.90	
Abatements granted	\$0.00	
2010 Totals	\$342,365.86	\$342,365.86

2009	Credit	Debit
Taxes Uncollected at Beginning of 2010		\$34,154.62
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$883.44
Int. & Fees in Lien (Collected)		\$86.94
Interest & Fees after Lien		\$57.55
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer		
Lien paid before Town bought Liens (principle only)	\$773.85	
Property Taxes	\$25,183.77	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees	\$883.44	
Int. & Fees in Lien (Collected)	\$86.94	
Interest & Fees after Lien	\$57.55	
Conversion to Lien	\$8,197.00	
Abatements Granted	\$0.00	
2009 Totals	\$35,182.55	\$35,182.55

2008	Credit	Debit
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of 2010		\$10,484.99
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$513.61
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer		
Redemptions	\$5,628.54	
Interest & Fees	\$513.61	
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2010	\$4,856.45	
2008 Totals	\$10,998.60	\$10,998.60

Tax Collectors End of Year Overview (cont)

2007	Credit	Debit
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of 2010		\$2,706.16
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$728.90
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer		
Redemptions	\$2,500.23	
Interest & Fees	\$728.90	
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2010	\$205.85	
2007 Totals	\$3,434.98	\$3,435.06

2006 Interest & Cost after Lien	\$44.84
Abatement for Inv. Return	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$349,085.13
Total funds delivered to Treasurer in 2010	\$349,085.13

Schedule of Non-Taxable Property

Name	Map	Lot	Acres RSA 75:1	Land RSA 75:1
Dept of Agr. US Forest Serv	WMNF		24041.3	\$21,614,100
State of NH Forest Div.	6	7	401.0	\$335,000
State of NH Glencliff Home	6	7	107.0	\$239,000
State of NH Glencliff Home	6	3	0.5	\$21,500
Town of Benton Crowther Lot	2	52	0.3	\$18,000
Town of Benton Mt. View Cmty	1	113	0.9	\$2,300
Town of Benton Mt. View Cmty	1	114	1.3	\$25,700
Town of Benton High St. Cmty	6	4	0.6	\$1,400
Town of Benton East Cmty	1	29	0.3	\$800
Town of Benton Comm. Bldg.	1	18	0.2	\$27,000
Town of Benton Old Twn Hall Lot.	1	126	0.05	\$15,500
N. Benton Union Society	1	32	0.7	\$22,000
Benton Bible Chapel	1	49	1.4	\$36,000
Benton Bible Chapel Parsonage	1	58	1.7	\$36,800
Total of Non-Taxable Property			24557.2	\$22,395,100

Summary of Inventory Valuation

Land, Improved and Unimproved	Acres	Value
Under Current Use	4763.4	\$285,489.00
Conservation Restriction	370.1	\$4,566.00
Residential Land	2,055.90	\$9,641,800.00
Commercial	4	\$42,700.00
Total Taxable Land		\$9,974,555.00
Tax Exempt Land	24175.2	\$11,415,700.00
Tax Exempt Buildings		\$8,638,200.00
Housing		
Residential		\$14,968,300.00
Manufactured Housing (per RSA 674.31)		\$919,000.00
Commercial		\$17,000.00
Total Taxable Buildings		\$15,904,300.00
Public Utilities		\$951,413.00
Total Assessments		\$26,830,268.00
Less Elderly Exemptions (1)		-\$15,000.00
Less Public Utilities		-\$951,413.00
Final Total of Inventory Valuation (at full tax rate)		\$25,863,855.00
State Education Tax (per thousand)		\$2.26
Local Education Tax (per thousand)		\$10.26
County Tax (per thousand)		\$1.40
Town Tax (per thousand)		-\$1.09
Total Tax Rate (per thousand)		\$12.83
Tax to be raised from Inventory minus		
Utilities		\$331,885.00
Utilities (taxed minus State School Rate)		\$10,056.00
Veterans War Service Credit		-\$1,350.00
Penalty for Non-returned Inventory		\$320.00
Total Amount to be raised		\$340,911.00

Minutes of Previous Year Town Meeting

Town Meeting – Benton, New Hampshire

March 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the moderator Gil Richardson. Motion to recess to the School Meeting was made and seconded. The Town Meeting was reconvened at 7:25 PM.

Article 1

To choose a Town Clerk, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Tax Collector, a Ballot Clerk, a Ballot Inspector, a Sexton, an Assistant to the Sexton, and a Surveyor of Wood and Lumber, all for a term of one year, a Moderator for a term of two years, a Supervisor of The Checklist, a Trustee of the Trust Funds, and a Selectman for a term of three years, a Member of the Planning Board for a term of five years, and any other Agents or Officers necessary for the ensuing year. Motion was made to accept article as written, motion was seconded and accepted by voice vote.

The following Town Officers were elected (by the Town Clerk or Moderator casting one ballot after a voice vote):

Town Clerk	1 Yr Term	Michael P. Stiebitz
Treasurer	1 Yr Term	Richard Dickenson
Tax Collector	1 Yr Term	Michael P. Stiebitz
Auditor	1 Yr Term	Robert Steel
Ballot Clerk	1 Yr Term	Stephanie Saffo
Ballot Inspector	1 Yr Term	Maxine Tyler
Sexton	1 Yr Term	Aaron Goodwin
Sexton Assistant	1 Yr Term	Jeremy Elliott
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	1 Yr Term	Joseph N. Boutin Jr.
Moderator	2 Yr Term	Gilbert Richardson
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 Yr Term	Arthur Christopher
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 Yr Term	Martin Noble
Selectman	3 Yr Term	John W. Hassell
Member of the Planning Board	5 Yr Term	Wayne Chevalier
Other Agents as Required		

Earl Tempelmeyer discussed the newly created position of Assistant to the Selectmen. The proposed budget allocates funds for a person to work 5-10 hours per week. This is an

appointed position and will require someone with computer skills. Anyone interested in this job should contact the Selectmen.

Jeremy Elliott asked for a round of applause for Sam Boutin who retired at the end of 2009. It was noted that Sam had served the Town for at least 15 years. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his service.

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of Officers and Agents as printed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed and passed by voice vote.

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$118,550 for General Municipal Operations.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written and passed by voice vote.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of an automatic backup electrical generator for the Community Building. Said funds to come from Unreserved Fund Balance. This amount cannot be exceeded in 2010. The project will be checked and any further decisions will be reconsidered before Town Meeting 2011.

A motion was made to accept the article as written, the motion was seconded, and discussion ensued.

Earl explained that as part of the Emergency Preparedness exercises conducted by the State, it was decided that the Town Building would become a local shelter in the case of a disaster. Therefore, the Town Building will need to have a backup power supply.

Rich Saffo wanted to make sure that any backup source would supply quality power required for the electronics that we depend upon today. John Hassell assured him that any equipment purchased by the Town would indeed satisfy that requirement.

The article was then passed by voice vote.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up, and not to exceed, \$20,000 for the payment of work to be accomplished via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, administered by the NH Office of Energy and Planning. The work to be performed and ultimately paid for via this Block Grant is contingent upon approval of the application. Proposed work at the Community Building to include new heating system, insulation and other energy savings efforts approved by the program.

A motion was made to accept the article as written, the motion was seconded, and discussion ensued.

Earl explained that this money would only be expended if our grant proposal is accepted and approved by the State of NH. In that case, as soon as the work is finished and approved by the State, we would be reimbursed. The money requested in this article is really a loan.

Gil Richardson had done a free energy audit on the building last fall and helped complete the grant proposal submitted by the Selectmen. He explained that spray foam would be applied to the crawlspace walls, a new, more efficient, oil furnace would be installed, and blown-in insulation would be installed above the Town Clerk's office and kitchen, and the main building attic insulation would be upgraded. His estimates are that our energy consumption will be cut in half if all of the proposed improvements are implemented.

John Hassell mentioned that if we proceed with the propane-fired backup generator, we might want to investigate a propane-fired gas furnace and eliminate the oil burner altogether. Rich Saffo brought up the backup power quality issue again, specifically in regards to a propane furnace. John again assured him that any generator purchased for the Town will be suitable for powering any and all devices.

The article was then passed by voice vote.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Bridges-Tunnels Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999, any funds plus accumulated interest to date will be placed in the Town's general fund.

A motion was made to accept the article as written, the motion was seconded, and discussion ensued.

Laura Richardson, chairwoman of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, explained that the State of NH requires us to account for monies remaining in Trust Funds set up for

specific purposes (i.e., Tunnel Stream Bridge Repair). These Trust Funds should be closed after the projects are finished. When they remain open, the Trustees have to explain to the State the reason why. Therefore, she recommended closing this Trust Fund and returning the balance to the General Fund.

The article was then passed by voice vote.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Building Capital Reserve Fund established in 2006, any funds plus accumulated interest to date will be placed in the Town's General Fund.

A motion was made to accept the article as written, the motion was seconded, and discussion ensued.

Laura explained that this Fund is in the same category the previous Article.

The article was then passed by voice vote.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads.

A motion was made to accept the article as written, the motion was seconded, and discussion ensued.

Earl explained that we have four road repair projects in the planning process for future execution that will total approximately \$100,000. In order to minimize the impact on a single year's taxes, he suggested that it will be better to put away a smaller amount every year.

The article was then passed by voice vote

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to add \$100 to the existing Benton Fire Trust Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to come from Unreserved Fund Balance.

A motion was made to accept the article as written, the motion was seconded, and discussion ensued.

Earl stated that we allocate \$10,000 per year for fire coverage. If we were to exceed this amount, we would have to scramble to come up with funds. This Trust Fund provides a cushion for us. The Fund is currently approximately \$4,500, but we have not been contributing to it over the last few years.

Laura Richardson explained that the State of NH looks at these types of accounts yearly, and if they haven't had any activity in a certain period of time, they classify them as "Inactive" and can absorb them. Therefore, we need to routinely add to this fund to maintain its "Active" status, as well as to continue building up our cushion.

The article was then passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President:

"Resolved: the citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage.""

Several members of the meeting made statements. Ballots were distributed to registered voters who marked and then deposited them in the ballot box. The Selectmen tallied them: 24 votes "Yes" and 8 votes "No".

The meeting was adjourned at 8.25 PM. All new electees present were sworn in at the closing by the Selectman, Earl Tempelmeyer.

A true copy

Attest:

Michael Stiebitz – Town Clerk

Benton, New Hampshire

Vital Statistics for 2010

<u>Deaths</u>		<u>Died</u>
Catherine Steel		01/25/2010
Lionel Alexander	(Glenclyff Home)	02/26/2010
Michael Lajoie	(Glenclyff Home)	06/03/2010

<u>Marriages</u>	
June 12, 2010	Nicholas R. Snyder and Bonnie E. Lane in Benton

<u>Births</u>	
August 3, 2010	Bella Laigne Snyder, daughter of Bonnie Lane and Nicholas Snyder in Lebanon, NH
September 22, 2010	Gavin William Pearly Elliott, son of Patricia Elliott in Woodsville, NH

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Fund

For the Year Ending December 31, 2010

Funds donated to the Town of Benton are in the custody of the Trustees. Donations are distributed as specified by the donors. Funds received during the year are deposited in a savings account until they can be transferred into the appropriate financial tool. Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank in Woodsville, NH holds all funds.

Year 2010 Donations – Cemetery Trust

Judith Bowles	\$ 200.00
Paul Scott	\$ 150.00
Mark and Michelle Elliot	\$ 400.00

Status of the Funds is as follows:

Trust Fund Savings, Account # 617453	\$ 1,466.25
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Cemetery/Common Trust Fund

Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 724991	\$12,640.85
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Capital Reserve Fund - Highways/Roads

Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 655898	\$19,946.38
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Capital Reserve Fund – Fires

Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 617456	\$ 4,603.86
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Revaluation Trust Fund

Woodsville Guaranty Savings #655901	\$ 3018.77
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Expendable Trust – Schools

School #1 - CDARS Acc't #1009337802	\$85,409.76	
School #2 - CDARS Acc't #1008621295	\$ 7,314.16	\$92723.92

TOTAL HELD IN TRUST
BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND = 134,400.03

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Fund (cont)

Distributions of Interest at the end of 2010 from the Cemetery/Common Trust Fund

For cemetery use	\$ 192.11
For the schools	\$ 42.36
For the highway account	\$ 38.19

Total	<u>\$ 272.66</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of the Trust Fund

Laura Richardson

Martin Noble

Joyce Hassell

2010 Benton School District School Warrant

Benton School District School Warrant

State of New Hampshire

March 9, 2010

The meeting opened at 7:02 PM.

Article 1

To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Gilbert Richardson

Article 2

To choose a School Clerk for the ensuing year.

Michael Stiebitz

Article 3

To choose one School Board Member for a term of three years expiring in 2013.

Wayne Chevalier

Article 4

To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Maxine Tyler

Article 5

To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Robert Steel

Article 6

To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 6 was moved, seconded, and accepted by voice vote.

Article 7

To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The School Board recommends \$509,673.00)

Article 7 was moved, seconded, and accepted by voice vote.

Article 8

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars to be added to the previously established Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2010.

Motion was made to accept this article as written, motion was seconded and discussion ensued. Lara Saffo explained that this amount would probably be needed before the end of the school year, based upon current projections.

The article was then accepted by voice vote..

Article 9

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion was made to accept this article as written, motion was seconded and accepted by voice vote.

No other business was transacted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM. All new officers present were sworn in at the closing.

A true copy

Attest:

Michael Stiebitz

Benton School District Clerk

Benton, New Hampshire

Ray Burton – Report to the People 2011



Raymond S. Burton

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Bath, NH 03740
Tel. (603) 747-3662
Car Phone (603) 481-0863
E-mail: ray.burton@myfairpoint.net

*Executive Councilor
District One*

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE 2011
Ray Burton, Executive Councilor

Writing this report to the citizens of District One is always an interesting undertaking to try to condense on one page a quick look at where your NH State government might be headed in 2011 and the years ahead.

There have been significant changes in the membership of the Legislature and Executive Council at the NH State House. This coupled with a serious lack of money to accomplish basic needs as currently being delivered will certainly present challenges for NH House and Senate members. My suggestion is to stay in close touch with your local Senators and House Members. To find your local State Senator and House Members go to: <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wml.aspx> Another good source for information is your local library or Town/City Clerks Office.

This is the planning year for the 10 year transportation plan. Highway, rail, aviation, and public transportation projects are all a part of the hearing process that the five Executive Council members will be holding. Hearings are held in each of our Districts. Local information from the area regional planning commissions is key to having successful projects included in the proposed plan which is delivered by law to the Governors desk by December 15, 2011 and then by law to the NH House and Senate by January 2012.

I cannot emphasize enough the urging of local citizens to volunteer for the dozens of volunteer boards and commissions which the Governor and Council are required to find individuals to serve on. For a list of those commissions go to: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm>. If you are interested in serving send your letter of interest and resume to Jennifer Kuzma, Governors Office, 107 North Main St., Concord, NH 03301. Tel: 603 271-2121.

There are three District Health Councils in District One that meet 3 times a year to hear directly from the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. If you are interested in being added to this list send your email address to me at ray.burton@myfairpoint.net.

As always, my office has a supply of NH Constitutions, official tourist maps and other information about the Executive Council. I am always available to speak with local groups.

It is an honor to represent your region.



Towns in Council District #1

CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett,
Chatham, Conway, Eaton,
Ellingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc.,
Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough,
Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth,
Tiltonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro,

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath,
Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater,
Bristol, Campton, Canaan,
Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth,
Enfield, Franconia, Grafton,
Groton, Hanover, Haverhill,
Hebron, Holderness, Landaff,
Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon,
Livermore, Littleton, Lyman,
Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford,
Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney,
Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren,
Waterville Valley, Wentworth,
Woodstock

BELKNAP COUNTY:

Alton, Belmont, Center Harbor,
Gifford, Laconia, Meredith,
New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton

COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville,
Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton,
Dixville, Dummer, Errol,
Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster,
Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland,
Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne,
Stewartstown, Stark, Stratford,
Whitefield

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish,
Croydon, Grantham, Newport,
Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee

Appendix A - Annual Report of the Benton School District

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 1, 2009- June 30, 2010

DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Alexandria Noble, CHAIR	Term Expires 2011
Lara Saffo	Term Expires 2012
Wayne Chevalier	Term Expires 2010

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Gilbert Richardson.....	Moderator
Maxine Tyler.....	Treasurer
Robert Steel.....	Auditor
Michael Stiebitz.....	Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bruce C. Labs

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
2011 SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Benton in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 8th day of March 2011, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

- ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2: To choose a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 3: To choose one School Board Member for a term of three years to expire in 2014.
- ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 5: To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 6: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote related thereto.
- ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The school board recommends \$546,966.00)
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this _____ day of February, 2011

A True Copy – Attest:

Alexandria Noble, Chairperson

Wayne Chevalier

Lara Saffo

BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL WARRANT MINUTES
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 9, 2010**

The meeting opened at: 7:02 PM.

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Gil Richardson

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Michael Stiebitz

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The article was then accepted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion was made to accept this article as written, motion was seconded and accepted by voice vote.

No other business was transacted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM. All new officers present were sworn in at the closing.

A true copy

Attest:

Michael P. Stiebitz 3/22/10

Michael Stiebitz
Benton School District Clerk
Benton, NH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Once again I am pleased to have the opportunity to speak to the taxpayers of Benton.

In reading scores and witnessing the day to day operation of the Haverhill schools we are getting better in many academic areas but especially in reading and math.

Much of the work that is going on is the result of intervention using standards based curriculum. As you might be aware the curriculum weakness for Haverhill students for several years has been in math. In the last two years we have seen growth and we have made annual yearly progress (AYP) at both Woodsville Elementary and Haverhill Cooperative Middle School.

I am proud to report that the Haverhill schools offer H1N1 Flu Clinics in each school for students, free of charge. We believe this intervention helps to keep our children healthy and in school.

At Woodsville High School the faculty and staff are engaged in a self study and evaluation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The high school has been a member of NEASC since 1962. During the 2012-2013 school year a team of fifteen people from other school districts throughout New England will be put together to visit and evaluate WHS. This is a very time consuming and costly process but one which will produce returns by providing a list of strengths and weaknesses that will provide a blueprint for improvement for the school in the future.

With the passage of HB18 the law was changed in the State of New Hampshire this year requiring students to attend school until the age of 18 instead of 16. Because of this change the drop out rate across the state should continue to improve. We know, however, that we must continue to keep students engaged with safe schools and excellent teaching.

In 2010 each school district received stimulus funds to help continue to carry on our work in the face of difficult economic times. For the most part, we have used these funds to purchase long term equipment as we knew we would not be able to rely on this money over a long period of time. Many of the school districts in the state are expressing concern for funding long term due to lack of revenue in the form of adequacy money sent to us by the state. We continue to take a very conservative approach as we are unsure of the long term shift that is taking place in Concord and in Washington.

I must tell you I continue to be impressed with the staff in each of our schools in SAU #23. Each and every one of them go out of their way to do whatever it takes to assist our students to do the best they can do and stay engaged in learning.

I urge you to visit our website, www.sau23.org; it contains a lot of information about our schools and the work going on there.

I want to once again thank the voters and taxpayers for their continued support of the students, staff and administration. We will continue to work hard to earn and keep your trust and support and I can assure you we will never take it for granted.

It continues to be a privilege and an honor to serve you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Labs
Superintendent of Schools

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S AND
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARIES**

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses are prorated among the school districts on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of SAU #23, during the 2010-2011 school year will receive a salary of \$98,262. There is no Assistant Superintendent or Business Administrator at SAU #23 at this time.

The table below shows the pro-ration of the salary to each school district:

Superintendent Salary

Bath	11,506	11.71%
Benton	1,906	1.94%
Haverhill Cooperative	63,645	64.78%
Piermont	10,789	10.98%
Warren	10,406	10.59%
TOTAL	\$98,262	100%

HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER QUALITY REPORT OCTOBER 2010

Education Level of Faculty and Administration at Each School

	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+30
WES Teachers	6.6	12	4	23
WES Administration			1	
HCMS Teachers	8.5	4	12.5	6
HCMS Administration			1	1
WHS Teachers	6.2	14.7	6.5	3
WHS Administration			1	1

Number of Teachers with Provisional (Intern) Certification

Woodsville Elementary School	0
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	1
Woodsville High School	0

Number of Core Academic Courses Not Taught By Highly Qualified Teachers

Woodsville Elementary School	0
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	1
Woodsville High School	0

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW

As a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or Legal guardian, you have the right to know:

1. Who is teaching your child;
2. The qualifications and experience of your child's teacher(s).

For information concerning your child's teacher(s), please contact the Superintendent's Office at:

SAU #23
2975 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH 03774
603-787-2113

A copy of the Haverhill Cooperative School District Title One
Report Card is available at each school

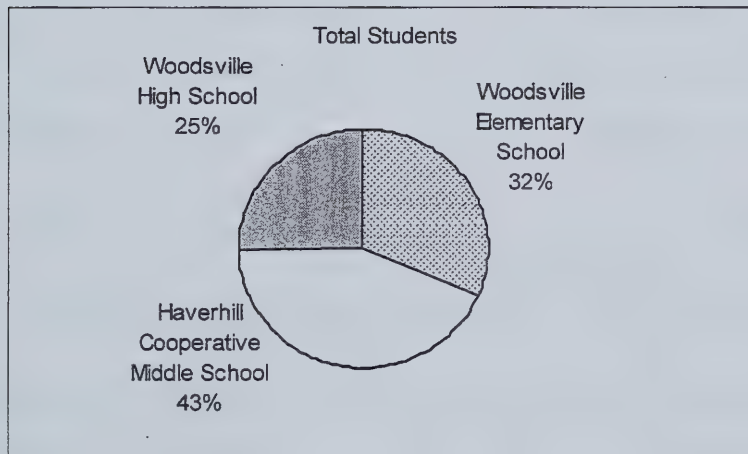
**REPORT OF THE BENTON SCHOOL
DISTRICT TREASURER
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

Cash on Hand, July 1, 2008	\$78,473.72
Total Revenues Received	438,606.73
Total School Board Orders Paid	514,128.97
Cash on Hand June 30, 2009	\$ 2,951.48

Maxine Tyler, School District Treasurer

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENTS TUITIONED TO HAVERHILL
COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
2009-2010**

	<u>Total Students</u>	<u>Total Tuition Costs Per School</u>
Woodsville Elementary School	10	\$97,493.86
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	14	\$145,014.41
Woodsville High School	8	\$93,750.77
TOTAL	32	\$336,259.04



**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET 6/30/2010**

	ACT #	Fund 10 GENERAL	Fund 70 TRUST
ASSETS			
<u>Current Assets</u>			
CASH	100	2,951.48	-
INVESTMENTS	110	-	119,397.20
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES	140	24,119.16	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	150	-	-
PREPAID EXPENSES	180	-	-
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	190	-	-
Total Current Assets		<u>27,070.64</u>	<u>119,397.20</u>
LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY			
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
INTERFUND PAYABLES	400		22,158.15
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	420	1,389.65	-
DEFERRED REVENUES	480	-	-
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	490	-	-
Total Current Liabilities		1,389.65	22,158.15
<u>Fund Equity</u>			
RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES RESERVED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES	753	-	-
	760	20,000.00	
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	770	<u>5,680.99</u>	<u>97,239.05</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>25,680.99</u>	<u>97,239.05</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity		<u>27,070.64</u>	<u>119,397.20</u>

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a

		<u>2008-</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>2009-</u> <u>2010</u>
<u>Special Education Expenses</u>			
1200/1230	Special Programs	61,125	84,515
1430	Summer School	2,045	4,430
		-	-
2150	Speech and Audiology	-	-
		-	-
2162	Physical Therapy	-	1,400
		-	-
2163	Occupational Therapy	-	2,805
2722	Special Transportation	1,902	4,753
Total Expenses		65,072	97,904
<u>Special Education Revenue</u>			
	SPED portion of State		
3110	Adequacy	12,348	5,401
			-
3230	Catastrophic Aid	7,418	
4580	Medicaid	13,408	24,765
Total Revenues		33,174	30,166
District Cost for Special Education		31,898	67,738
<u>IDEA Entitlement Funds through SAU23</u>			
	Part A - Preschool	485	486
	Part B - Special Education	2,645	2645

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
REVENUES**

	<u>2009-2010 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2010-2011 REVISED</u>	<u>2011-2012 BUDGET</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	55,442	5,681	20,000	14,319
<u>Local</u>				
1111 District Appropriation	224,318	275,434	304,829	29,395
1510 Interest	70	50	50	-
1980 Refund from Prior Year				-
5252 Transfer from Expendable Trust	-	25,000	-	(25,000)
<u>State</u>				
3111 State Adequacy Grant	121,439	120,189	122,140	1,951
3112 State Adequacy Tax	57,252	58,502	58,502	-
3230 Catastrophic Aid	-	-	-	-
3241 Vocational Education Tuition	4,936	4,215	4,480	265
3242 Vocational Transportation	443	452	290	(162)
<u>Federal</u>				
4580 Medicaid Reimbursement	24,765	3,500	20,025	16,525
4810 National Forest Reserve	16,650	16,650	16,650	-
SUBTOTAL	505,315	509,673	559,983	50,310
Transfer to Expendable Trust	22,158	20,000		(20,000)
TOTAL BUDGET AND ARTICLES	527,473	529,673	546,966	17,293

SCHOOL TAX RATE

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2009-2010</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2010-2011</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2011-2012</u>		<u>CURRENT</u> <u>VALUATION</u>
local property tax rate	\$8.59	\$10.26	\$11.35	\$1.09	\$26,848 per \$1,000
State property tax rate	<u>\$2.26</u>	<u>\$2.26</u>	<u>\$2.26</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$25,915 per \$1,000
Total School Tax Rate	\$10.85	\$12.52	\$13.61	\$1.09	
Change from prior year	(\$0.88)	\$1.67	\$1.09		

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	
		<u>YEAR</u> <u>2010-2011</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2011 - 2012</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(DECREASE)</u>	
10.6.1100.561	REGULAR TUITION	392,800	404,676	11,876	
10.6.1200.561	SPECIAL TUITION	35,447	51,000	15,553	
10.6.1231.564	KING STREET TUITION	18,926	18,926	-	
10.6.1300.562	RIVERBEND TUITION	7,184	7,468	284	
10.6.1430.561	SUMMER SCHOOL TUITION - TO LEA	2,500	3,240	740	
10.6.1430.564	SUMMER SCHOOL TUITION - PRIVATE	1,700	1,700	-	
10.6.2150.330	SPEECH	640	640	-	
10.6.2162.330	PHYSICAL THERAPY	385	1,739	1,354	
10.6.2163.330	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	3,995	6,440	2,445	
10.6.2311.111	BOARD SALARIES	600	600	-	
10.6.2311.220	BOARD PAYROLL TAXES	46	46	-	
10.6.2311.260	WORKERS' COMP	278	249	(29)	
10.6.2311.520	LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,940	3,000	60	
10.6.2311.540	ADVERTISING	180	180	-	
10.6.2311.810	DUES/FEES	935	1,010	75	
10.6.2313.111	TREASURER SALARIES	200	160	(40)	
10.6.2313.220	TREASURER PAYROLL TAXES	16	15	(1)	
10.6.2313.260	WORKERS' COMP	93	85	(8)	
10.6.2313.534	POSTAGE	20	20	-	
10.6.2313.610	SUPPLIES	20	20	-	
10.6.2314.111	DISTRICT MEETING SALARIES	63	63	-	
10.6.2314.220	DISTRICT MEETING PAYROLL TAXES	6	6	-	
10.6.2314.260	WORKERS' COMP	29	26	(3)	
10.6.2317.111	AUDIT SALARIES	50	50	-	
10.6.2317.220	AUDIT PAYROLL TAXES	5	5	-	
10.6.2318.330	LEGAL FEES	250	250	-	
10.6.2321.310	SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	13,375	16,261	2,886	
10.6.2721.510	REGULAR TRANSPORTATION	23,540	24,141	601	
10.6.2722.510	SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION	2,700	4,200	1,500	
10.6.2723.510	RIVERBEND TRANSPORTATION	750	750	-	
10.6.5252.930	TRANSFER TO TRUST FUND	20,000	-	(20,000)	
	TOTALS	529,673	546,966	17,293	3.3%

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 REVENUES

	BUDGET <u>2010 - 2011</u>	BUDGET <u>2011 - 2012</u>	<u>+/-</u>
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN ASSESSMENT			
1320 Tuition - French Pond	113,556	113,556	-
1321 Tuition - King Street School	208,186	227,112	18,926
1325 Tuition -French Pond/King St. Summer S	10,978	11,063	85
1950 Itinerants	273,334	254,797	(18,537)
1951 Speech/ Language	204,111	215,292	11,181
1951 Occupational Therapy	107,746	98,800	(8,946)
1951 Physical Therapy		26,500	26,500
1990 Other local revenue (town internet line fee	900	-	(900)
1510 Interest	5,000	2,000	(3,000)
5210 Indirect Costs from SAU IDEA Grant	6,900	-	(6,900)
Use of Fund Balance	<u>61,399</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>13,601</u>
Total Other Revenue General Fund	992,110	1,024,120	32,010
1111 DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	685,894	804,998	119,104
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	1,678,004	1,829,118	151,114

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 APPROVED BUDGET - SUMMARY

	2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012	
	APPROVED	APPROVED	INCREASE/
<u>DEPARTMENT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>(DECREASE)</u>
1100 ITINERANT TEACHERS	166,320	177,512	11,192
1230 FRENCH POND PROGRAM	216,246	222,585	6,339
1231 KING STREET PROGRAM	188,418	199,457	11,039
1430 FRENCH POND SUMMER SCHOOL	8,434	9,762	1,328
1431 KING STREET SUMMER SCHOOL	2,544	1,301	(1,243)
2120 ITINERANT GUIDANCE	28,325	29,880	1,555
2150 SPEECH/LANGUAGE	204,111	215,292	11,181
2162 PHYSICAL THERAPY**	-	26,500	26,500
2163 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	108,466	98,800	(9,666)
2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	289	538	249
2213 STAFF DEVELOPMENT	450	450	-
2220 TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISION	85,246	51,355	(33,891)
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	6,034	6,577	543
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	2,567	3,079	512
2317 AUDIT	5,700	5,900	200
2318 LEGAL COUNSEL	800	800	-
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	415,853	542,546	126,693
2330 SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMIN.	167,143	175,102	7,959
2540 SAU-WIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS	1,200	1,000	(200)
2620 BUILDING & RENT	39,348	30,000	(9,348)
2640 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & INS.	4,580	4,480	(100)
2810 RESEARCH, PLANNING, DEVELPMT	3,100	3,100	-
2820 COMPUTER NETWORK	22,180	22,452	272
2832 RECRUITMENT ADVERTISING	500	500	-
2835 STAFF PHYSICALS	150	150	-
SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND	1,678,004	1,829,118	151,114

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